

# 104<sup>th</sup> Annual Commissioner's Conference for Superintendents

Sunday River Resort – Jordan Hotel, Newry, Maine June 28 – 30, 2015

## Agenda

Sunday, June 28

2:00 pm	Registration opens	Alcove
		Down the hall to left of
		hotel registration.
5:00 pm	Networking Reception –	Sliders
	Hosted by Maine School Superintendents Association & Apple	Down the hall past
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6:00 pm	Dinner and Recognition Banquet	Birches
		Across from conference
		registration.

Monday, June 29

BREAKFAST – (Buffet)	Grand Avenue
	Located just off the
	hotel main lobby.
Welcome	Birches
Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner	
Keynote Address	Birches
The Business and Education Partnership: A Maine Economic	
Development Strategy	
Ed Cervone, Educate Maine, Executive Director	
Recognizing Passion and Potential: Empowerment Through the	
Teacher of the Year Program	
Alana Margeson, Caribou High School (RSU 39), 2012 Maine Teacher	
of the Year	
Shelly Moody, Williams Elementary School (RSU 18), Oakland, 2011	
Maine Teacher of the Year	
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10:30 – 11:30	Burning Questions from the Field	Birches
General Session	Burning Questions from the Field	Birches
General Session	Leadership from the Maine DOE will respond to your questions received	
	through the pre-conference survey.	
	Note: Several questions will be answered during related conference	
	sessions.	
11:30 - 12:30	LUNCH – (Buffet)	Birches
		You are welcome to eat
		lunch in Birches or take your plate to Grand
		Avenue (inside or
		outside on the patio).
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Proficiency-Based Education and Educator Effectiveness Updates	Birches
General Session	Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional	
	Support	
	Diana Doiron, Maine DOE, Specialist, Standards-Based Instruction,	
	Regional Education Rep: Aroostook County	
	This session will highlight changes to the educator effectiveness law as a	
	result of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver	
	renewal and related legislation; biennial budget provisions (if information is	
	available) and an update on the Plan for Equitable Access to Excellent Educators recently submitted by the Maine DOE to the US DE.	
	Educators recently submitted by the Maine DOE to the 03 DE.	
	The proficiency-based education portion of this session will highlight the	
	patterns and trends identified in the 2014-15 statewide site visits, provide	
	information about the extension renewal process, and highlight 2015-16	
	Maine DOE plans for providing PBE support.	
1:45 – 2:00	BREAK	
2:00 - 3:00	Data You Can Use	Birches
	Lance Gilman, Maine DOE, Statewide Longitudinal Data System	
	Trainer	
	Bill Hurwitch, Maine DOE, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data	
*Two	System	
Concurrent		
Sessions	The data team will demonstrate how district administrators can use data	
	available in the education data warehouse to perform analysis, create	
	reports and support decision making. The team will review the available data domains, demonstrate how to compare data with peer districts and	
	schools and how to create ad hoc queries and reports. The team will also	
	demonstrate how to download postsecondary outcomes reports from the	
	National Student Clearinghouse and education research reports from	
	MEPRI and how to access workforce outcome reports. A preview will be	
	given of the next generation data warehouse that is expected to go live	
	later this summer.	

2:00 – 3:00	School Construction Programs	Juniper
2.00 3.00	Scott Brown, Maine DOE, Director, School Facilities Services	Near conference
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Concurrent	This session will provide an update and overview of the Maine DOE's school	
Sessions	construction programs including the Major Capital Improvement Program,	
363310113	Federal Facility Program, Leased Space Program, and the Revolving	
	Renovation Fund. The update will include a discussion of rules, program	
	timelines, and other information that will assist superintendents in facilities	
	planning. There will also be time for questions and answers.	
3:00 - 3:15	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:15	Proficiency-Based Learning: Designing and Implementing to Support	
	Student Learning	
	Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional	
	Support	
	Diana Doiron, Maine DOE, Specialist, Standards-Based Instruction,	
	Regional Education Rep: Aroostook County	
	Maine Educators as listed below	
	Across the State, the spirit of innovation is alive and well as educators	
	design, build, refine and bring to life a culture of proficiency-based learning.	
*Three	Our goal each year at the Commissioner's Conference is to provide a forum	
Concurrent	to build collective wisdom together as we grow our thinking from one	
Sessions	another's experiences. Each year, we will highlight promising practices in	
by Topic	the implementation of proficiency-based learning. This year's session	
(see descriptors	features concurrent presentations in 3 separate rooms. We offer our	
on the right)	sincere thanks to the presenters from Auburn, MSAD 35, and RSU 39.	
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	Aubum Cabaal Danastonanti Visian 2020 and Creating the	Birches 1
	Auburn School Department: Vision 2020 and Creating the	
	Conditions for Teachers to Be Model Learners and Refine Their Craft	
	Shelly Mogul, Director of the Office of Learning and Teaching	
	Integrated, flexible, and personalized to maximize every learner's growth is	
	a Vision 2020 goal Auburn School Department has for its educational	
	program. It is also the goal that guides the district's customized model of	
	professional development. Referred to as the "Phases of Introducing	
	Customized Learning" pathway for educators, the pathway reflects learning	
	targets tied to professional development opportunities offered by the	
	district. Further support for teachers is offered through a capacity matrix	
	designed to support educators' development of the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to establish a learner-centered culture in their	
	classrooms. This session will reveal how committed Auburn is to integrating	
	the district's vision for customized learning and proficiency-based education	
	into its staff development.	
	into its start development.	

	MSAD 35: Innovative Use of Time: Providing Significant and	Birches 2
	Consistent Professional Development Time (Birches 2)	
	Dr. Mary Nash, MSAD 35, Superintendent	
	John Caverly, Marshwood Middle School Principal	
	Heidi Early-Hersey, Director of Teaching and Learning	
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	Time is a valuable resource noted by every educator. MSAD 35 has developed a formula for an innovative use of professional development time based on customizing the approach school-by -school for the specific and unique needs of teachers. This session will reveal the concerted effort taken to carve out time for professional development through common planning time and targeted professional development opportunities which include flexible teacher time. As a result of their efforts, MSAD 35 has created and implemented an approach that provides significant and consistent professional development time for teachers while simultaneously reinforcing the belief that implementing proficiency-based learning is a concerted PK-12 effort.	
	RSU 39: Learning from Within: Reaching Across Grade Levels to Create the Vision of PBE (Juniper) Alana Margeson, Caribou High School English Teacher Denise Levesque, Caribou High School English Teacher Bethany Thibeault, Teague Park Elementary School Grade 4 Teacher	Juniper
	Collaborative culture is often the glue in transformational change and definitely a key ingredient in the K-12 implementation of proficiency-based learning in RSU 39. This session provides a window into the collaborative efforts underway systemically across the district and within classrooms in RSU 39. Through the lens of a unique partnership between grade 4 teachers and high school English teachers, the presenters reveal the positive impact of tapping the collective wisdom within a district in the implementation of its vision for proficiency-based learning.	
4:15 – 4:45	New Superintendent Information Session	Birches
	Your opportunity to talk with several Maine DOE staff members and pick up a packet containing information on a variety Maine DOE teams, programs and initiatives.	
4:15 – 4:45	Regional Superintendent Group Meetings	Juniper
		Spruce
	See Jennifer during lunch to arrange your space for your group if	Balsam
	you'd like to meet privately.	All near conference
4 45 5 45		registration.
4:45 – 5:45	<b>Networking Reception</b> – Hosted by Maine School Superintendents	Sliders
	Association & HP	
	Dinner on your own	

Tuesday, June 30

Tuesday, J	une su	
7:00 – 8:30 am	BREAKFAST – (Buffet)	Grand Avenue
8:00 - 8:30	Business Meeting – Maine School Superintendents Association	Juniper
8:45 – 10:15	Maine DOE Updates	Birches
	<ul> <li>Federal Grant Management – Joanne Allen</li> </ul>	
General Session	Nutrition – Walter Beesley	
	<ul> <li>School Finance and Operations – Suzan Beaudoin</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>New Staff Reporting System/Student Truancy – Rick Bergeron</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>School Construction – Scott Brown</li> </ul>	
	School Approval – Randy Kassa	
	<ul> <li>Legislative Update – Debra Plowman/Jaci Holmes</li> </ul>	
10:15 - 10:30	BREAK	
10:30 -11:30	Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Waiver	Birches
	Rachelle Tome, Maine DOE, Chief Academic Office/Acting Deputy	
General Session	Commissioner	
	This session will provide an update of the current status of ESEA	
	Accountability, including expectations for 2014-15, any updates related to	
44.20 42.20	Maine's Flexibility renewal request, and the status of reauthorization.	D'astra
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH – (Buffet)	Birches
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Educator Effectiveness	Birches
*-	Anita Bernhardt, Maine DOE, Director, Standards and Instructional	
*Two	Support	
Concurrent	In this session, participants will have the opportunity to review and ask	
Sessions	questions about the regulatory and statutory changes related to educator	
	effectiveness, and the intent to pilot survey and readiness guide.	
12:45 – 1:45	Leveraging Title & IDEA Funds to Support Proficiency-Based	Juniper
	Education and Educator Effectiveness	,
	Jan Breton, Maine DOE, Director of Special Services	
	Meghan Southworth, Maine DOE, Title IIA	
	Rachelle Tome, Maine DOE, Chief Academic Officer/Acting Deputy	
*Two	Commissioner	
Concurrent	Chelsey Fortin-Trimble, Maine DOE, Title VI	
Sessions		
	In challenging fiscal times, State and local educational leaders are	
	confronted with challenging decisions to make the best use of their limited	
	resources to meet the educational needs of all students. The purpose of	
	this session is to provide information to School Administrative Units (SAUs)	
	to leverage non-Federal and Federal funds as efficiently and effectively as possible to support proficiency-based education and educator	
	effectiveness. Participants will be provided an overview of ESEA & IDEA	
	funding streams and allowable uses under each program.	
1:45 – 2:00	BREAK	

2:00 - 3:00	Learning Through Technology	Birches
	Mike Muir, Maine DOE, Policy Director, Learning Through Technology	
General Session	Team	
	Come learn about what's new and exciting about learning through technology in Maine. Find out about a refreshed focus on learning at MLTI. And about the developing programs to support professional and leadership development and to share engaging, standards aligned curriculum materials. Discover what other programs the Learning Through Technology Team offers.	
3:00 – 3:30	Closing remarks	Birches
	Tom Desjardin, Maine DOE, Acting Commissioner	

#### **One-on-One Technical Assistance**

Same day sign-up for individual SAU questions/discussions

### \*\*Sign-up sheets will be posted in the conference registration area

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	Suzan Beaudoin, Maine DOE, Director of School Finance and Operations	
3:15 – 4:15	Data Team One-On-Ones	Spruce
	Lance Gilman, Maine DOE, Statewide Longitudinal Data System Trainer	(near conference
	Bill Hurwitch, Maine DOE, Director, Statewide Longitudinal Data System	registration)
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	Scott Brown, Maine DOE, Director, School Facilities Services	(by Front Desk)

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10:30 - 3:00	Annual School Approval One-On-Ones	Nap Room
	Randy Kassa, Maine DOE, School Enrollment Specialist	(hallway to the right of Birches – 2 <sup>nd</sup> door on
		left)
10:30 - 3:00	New Staff System Small Group Presentations	Day Care
	Rick Bergeron, Maine DOE, MEDMS Helpdesk Administrator	(hallway to the right of Birches – 1 <sup>st</sup> door on left)